



RURAL Food & Health Forum

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 2026

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NC State University

James B. Hunt Jr. Library

1070 Partners Way, Raleigh, NC 27606



The 2026 Rural Food and Health Forum is a collaborative convening hosted by the Green Rural Redevelopment Organization (GRRO), the Eva Clayton Rural Food Institute, and the Institute for Emerging Issues. Bringing together leaders, practitioners, and community voices from across rural America, the forum advances innovative solutions in food access, health equity, and rural transformation. Grounded in the belief that thriving rural communities are essential to a resilient future, the forum fosters collaboration, partnership, and action to strengthen rural health, food systems, and local economies.

Goals of the Forum

Elevate rural voices, advance Food is Medicine solutions, strengthen food and health infrastructure, support farmer sustainability and rural economic development, foster cross-sector collaboration, and build momentum for sustained investment in rural food and health initiatives. Expected forum outcomes include: • Increased awareness of rural Food is Medicine opportunities and best practices. • A shared roadmap for advancing rural health, strengthening local food systems, and supporting long-term community resilience. • New cross-sector partnerships that connect food, health, and economic development efforts.

A Call to Action

Join us at the 2026 Rural Food and Health Forum to connect, collaborate, and advance solutions that improve health, expand food access, and strengthen rural communities. We need your insights and support to move this important work forward.

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to learn more.

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- Exhibit table
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